

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

(Thursday, March 7, 1957)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bracewell	Owen
Bradshaw	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Reagan
Gonzalez	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	Secrest
Herring	Smith
Hudson	Weinert
Kazen	Willis
Lane	Wood
Lock	

Absent—Excused

Krueger	Martin
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A quorum was announced present. Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leave of Absence

Senator Krueger was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Herring.

Reports of Standing Committees

Senator Weinert submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 71, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WEINERT, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,

March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was reported H. C. R. No. 28, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WEINERT, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,

March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 252, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WEINERT, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,

March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 38, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WEINERT, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,

March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 129, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with attached committee amendments and be printed.

WEINERT, Chairman.

Senator Lane submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,

March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B.

No. 287, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 323, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 332, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 162, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 7, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Senator Willis submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,
March 6, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Education, to whom was referred S. B. No. 192, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

WILLIS, Chairman.

Senate Bills and Resolutions on First Reading

The following bills and resolutions were introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Herring:

S. B. No. 337, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to false statements made or purporting to be made under oath in any matter, and to false, fraudulent or deceitful concealments, statements, representations or documents in matters within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the State or of a political subdivision of the State."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Parkhouse:

S. B. No. 338, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 352, Acts of the Regular Session of the 50th Legislature (as heretofore amended), pertaining to the Employees Retirement System of Texas; prescribing the condition upon which this Act shall become effective as a law; declaring the Act to be severable; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Ratliff:

S. B. No. 339, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 6377, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hazlewood:

S. B. No. 340, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the creation of a Hospital District co-extensive with the incorporated limits of the City of Amarillo; providing for an election in the City of Amarillo to create such District and to assume hospital indebtedness; providing for the levy of taxes by the governing

body of said city for hospital purposes; providing for the issuance of bonds by the governing body of said City upon authorization by the property taxpaying voters, for the purpose of the creation and expansion of a hospital system, such bonds to be the obligation of the Hospital District; providing for the approval of such bonds; providing for an election on the question of bonds; providing for the issuance of refunding bonds; withdrawing authority for the sale of bonds by the City of Amarillo and the County of Potter for hospital as to the bonds previously authorized but not sold; providing for the transfer of certain property and funds to the Hospital District; providing for the assumption of certain contractual obligations by the Hospital District; providing for the appointment of a Board of Hospital Managers and an Administrator; specifying the powers and duties of such Board and Administrator; providing for the appointment of officers and employees; providing for the proceedings and records of the Board; prescribing the procedure for the making of purchases and contracts; providing for a budget of the Hospital District; conferring the power of eminent domain upon such Districts; providing that certain Attorneys shall represent the Hospital District; providing that the City of Amarillo shall not subsequently levy taxes for hospital purposes; providing the Commissioners Court of Potter County may assess and levy a tax of not to exceed ten cents on the \$100.00 valuation on all property outside the incorporated limits of the City of Amarillo; authorizing Potter County, through its Commissioners Court to participate in the operation of the Hospital District upon certain terms; enacting other provisions relating to the subject; providing a severability clause; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Reagan:

S. B. No. 341, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, certain land submerged and unsubmerged lying within an area known as Tract C as shown on a map entitled Sheet No. 1, Laguna Madre, Subdivision for Mineral Development, dated November 1, 1948, and revised September 1, 1951,

by addition of 'Cayo Del Oso' subdivision, prepared by the General Land Office of the State of Texas; providing certain limitations, conditions and restrictions on the development of said land and on the transfer and conveyance thereof; modifying requirements heretofore imposed by the terms of House Bill 473, Chapter 294, General and Special Laws of Texas, Acts of the 54th Legislature, Revised Statutes 1955; providing that failure of the City of Corpus Christi or its grantees to comply with the conditions herein imposed shall cause title to said land to revert to the State of Texas; reserving all mineral interests to the State of Texas; declaring that the Act shall be cumulative of former grants and authorities; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Reagan:

S. B. No. 342, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make it unlawful to use or employ doors or boards to spread or open a shrimp trawl in the inland salt waters of Nueces County during the closed season of a greater size and dimension than twenty-four (24) by thirty-six (36) inches, or a total of Eight hundred and sixty-four (864) square inches, providing a penalty and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Game and Fish.

By Senator Weinert:

S. B. No. 343, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2, of Subchapter 9, of Chapter 97, Page 164, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the 48th Legislature, 1943 (Article 342-902, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes), prohibiting the business of banking except by corporations; limiting the use of the word 'bank' and related names in advertising; providing for the continuation of the existence of private banks; prescribing penalties for violation by those doing a banking business other than a corporation authorized so to do or for improper advertising; providing a severability clause; repealing all other laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Banking.

By Senator Fuller:

S. B. No. 344, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a Juvenile Board

for Jefferson County and designating the Chairman and members thereof; providing additional compensation for County and District Judges serving thereon; providing the manner of payment thereof; providing for powers of such Board under Article 5142 C of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas and any amendments thereto; prohibiting, however, the payment of any salary by such County to the District Judges serving on such Board in excess of the salary provided by this Act; providing a repealing clause; providing, that if any portion of this Act is unconstitutional, it shall not affect the remainder thereof; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Kazen:

S. B. No. 345, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Sec. 1 of House Bill 44, Acts of the 49th Leg., 1945, chap. 220, p. 304, providing for the employment and salary of stenographers or clerks for county judges in certain counties; repealing all laws in conflict; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Lock:

S. B. No. 346, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that any owner, operator, their employees, of retail stores or service establishments or any duly authorized peace officer shall have the authority to hold in a reasonable manner for a reasonable length of time any person suspected of shoplifting and in so doing shall not be subject to civil or criminal liabilities for false imprisonment or slander.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hardeman:

S. B. No. 347, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 2 of Chapter 3, House Bill No. 9, Acts of the Forty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 1939, as amended by Chapter 57, Acts of the Fifty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1953; providing for the leasing of lands belonging to the State of Texas for the production of oil, gas, coal, lignite, sulphur, salt and potash; providing that leasing of minerals other than oil and gas shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 5359, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925 and Sub-

section 5, Section 8-A of Section 1, Chapter 40, Acts of the Forty-second Legislature, Second Called Session, 1931; providing that the minerals may, at the discretion of the School Land Board, be leased together or separately; providing the minimum royalty; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hardeman:

S. B. No. 348, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 497, Acts of the Fifty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 1955; providing for the prospecting of land belonging to the State for certain minerals; providing for the filing of an application with the Commissioner of the General Land Office; providing the rental payment to accompany such application; providing for the issuance of permits by the Commissioner of the General Land Office; providing for the filing of an application to lease by the permittee; providing the rental payments under a lease; providing that applicants shall forward field notes when the area to be leased is less than that covered by the permit; providing the terms of a lease and the royalty thereunder; providing for the inclusion in such lease, such provisions as the Commissioner may deem necessary; providing that the Commissioner may forfeit leases for certain reasons; providing for the amendment of existing permits and leases and the payments therefor; providing for notification of owners of existing permits and leases by the Commissioner; providing that existing permits and leases not amended shall become subject to other applications for the minerals not covered by such existing permits and leases; providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Herring:

S. B. No. 349, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Building Commission to enter into a contract with The First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, for the sale and purchase of certain lands in Austin, Travis County, Texas, and to effectuate such sale and purchase and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Willis:

S. B. No. 350, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 10, Article II of the Texas Liquor Control Act, as amended, to prohibit the sale of beer on Sunday for consumption on the premises except under certain conditions; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Gonzalez:

S. B. No. 351, A bill to be entitled "An Act limiting the provisions of this Act to Bexar County; making it unlawful, except under the provisions of this Act, for any person to hunt, take, kill or possess any game bird or game animal in said county at any time; to take, kill or trap any furbearing animal in said county; to take or attempt to take any fresh water fish or other aquatic life in said county by any means or method; prescribing the legislative policy with respect to the wildlife resources in said county; conferring upon the Game and Fish Commission authority to regulate by proclamation, order, rule or regulation, the taking of the wildlife resources of said county; requiring the Game and Fish Commission to make investigation with respect to the depletion and waste of the wildlife resources of said county; requiring the Commission to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take a portion of the wildlife resources of said county; defining depletion and waste; providing for the issuance of the doe deer and antelope and elk permits; providing for the adoption of proclamations, orders, rules and regulations of the Game and Fish Commission; providing for the effective period of regulations; providing for the publication of the regulations; providing that the authority of the Commission is not limited; providing venue of the Commission is not limited; providing venue for suits to test the validity of this Act and of the rules and regulations of the Commission; providing a penalty for false swearing; providing a penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act, as well as any order, rule or regulation of the Commission; providing for the forfeiture of license; making it unlawful to purchase a new license and providing a penalty therefor; defining wildlife resources;

repealing certain laws, providing for the effective date of this Act; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Game and Fish.

By Senator Gonzalez:

S. B. No. 352, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting any public official from receiving, or entering into agreements for, compensation or valuable consideration of any kind for services to be rendered in relation to any matter before any state executive agency, unless full disclosure of such transaction is made in sworn written statement to be filed with the Secretary of State; prescribing penalties for violation; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Gonzalez:

S. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 467, House Bill No. 77, Acts, Second Called Session, Forty-fourth Legislature, as such has been heretofore amended, being the Texas Liquor Control Act, and being the Act carried in Vernon's Penal Code as Articles 666 and 667, so as to clarify such Act and further regulate and control alcoholic beverages; providing a saving clause; repealing laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Roberts:

S. B. No. 354, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1650, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, providing for the employment of assistant county auditors; providing the method of employment; making other provisions relating thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hudson:

S. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7602 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, to define waste of a certain quality of underground water; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Water and Conservation.

By Senator Hudson:

S. B. No. 356, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to permit reading of the Bible in the public schools; prohibiting sectarian or doctrinal teaching."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 357, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners' Court of Hudspeth, Culberson and El Paso Counties to pay the District Judge of the 34th Judicial District compensation in addition to the compensation paid by the State; making other provisions relating thereto; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 358, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners' Court of El Paso County to pay the District Judge of the 65th Judicial District compensation in addition to the compensation paid by the State; making other provisions relating thereto; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 359, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners' Court of El Paso County to pay the District Judge of the 41st Judicial District compensation in addition to the compensation paid by the State; making other provisions relating thereto; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 360, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners Court of Ector County to pay the District Judge of the 70th Judicial District compensation in addition to the compensation paid by the State; making other provisions relating thereto; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Acts of the 47th Legislature, 1941, Chapter 129, page 177, codified as Section 1 of Article 7930-4, Vernon's Civil Stat-

utes of Texas, so as to make said Act and the additional powers therein granted, applicable to all Fresh Water Supply Districts heretofore or hereafter created under the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 128, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Water and Conservation.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 362, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay the principal sum due on a certain judgment obtained in favor of the El Paso Natural Gas Company, a corporation, against the State of Texas in Cause Number 101,822 in the District Court of Travis County, Texas, 53rd Judicial District, as modified and affirmed by the Court of Civil Appeals, Third Supreme Judicial District of Texas, providing no interest shall be paid thereon and further providing for the manner in which such judgment shall be paid, and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Wood:

S. B. No. 363, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting the Commissioners Court of Henderson County permission to pay out of the General Fund of said County bounties for the destruction of wolves and predatory animals; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Game and Fish.

By Senator Wood:

S. B. No. 364, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay the principal due thereon of a certain judgment obtained against the State of Texas in Cause No. 105,692, styled Delta Gulf Drilling Company vs. the State of Texas in the 126th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas, according to the tenor, effect, and reading of such judgment; providing that no interest shall be paid thereon; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Wood:

S. B. No. 365, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 451, Acts of the 54th Legislature (Article 118c-3, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) relating to inspection and classification

of sweet potatoes, so as to make inspection and classification discretionary with the seller."

To the Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

By Senator Wood:

S. B. No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending portions of the Texas Liquor Control Act; amending Subsection (d) of Section 23 1/4 of Article II of the Texas Liquor Control Act, Chapter 467, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, as amended, providing for tax exemptions and refunds in certain instances, methods of payment and making an appropriation; enlarging the purposes for which certain tax collections may be used and appropriating a portion of any unexpended balance to the Texas Liquor Control Board for certain purposes; amending Section 29 of Article II of the Texas Liquor Control Act, Chapter 467, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, as amended, pertaining to the importation of beer; authorizing certain licensees to sell and deliver beer to Federal Government instrumentalities in this State; providing for the administration and enforcement of these Sections; repealing laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

(Withdrawn.)

By Senator Bradshaw:

S. B. No. 367, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that any person confined voluntarily or otherwise in a State Institution shall have the right upon his own request or by request of parent, guardian, spouse or nearest of kin, to out-patient treatment, by any duly licensed member of the healing arts not available within the Institution in which said person is confined; provided further that in the event that any such inmate of a penal or reform Institution desires said treatment not available in such Institution, the authorities of said Institution shall provide a suitable room for such treatment or services; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Wood:

S. B. No. 368, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 908, Chapter 6, of the Penal Code of Texas; creating a shooting resort; providing

a license therefor; providing regulations for a shooting resort; providing a penalty; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Game and Fish.

By Senator Secrest:

S. B. No. 369, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit building and loan associations, domestic and foreign, from establishing or operating a branch, defining the term 'branch,' exempting existing branches lawfully established and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Banking.

By Senator Phillips:

S. B. No. 370, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an additional district court for Galveston County to be known as the District Court of the 122nd Judicial District; providing the terms and jurisdiction of said Court; providing for the appointment of a Judge of said Court; prescribing his qualifications, powers and duties; providing that the District Courts of the 10th, 56th and 122nd Judicial Districts for Galveston County shall have concurrent jurisdiction with each other; providing for the transfer of cases; prescribing the duties of the District Clerk of Galveston County relating to this Court; providing for the appointment of an official shorthand reporter and providing for his compensation; providing that the District Attorney of Galveston County shall perform the duties for the 122nd Judicial District in connection with the Court herein created as provided by law; providing that the Sheriff of Galveston County shall perform the duties in connection with the Court herein created as provided by law; providing all grand and petit juries drawn and selected under existing laws in the County of Galveston shall be considered as lawfully drawn and selected for the next ensuing term of the newly created District Court; making other provisions relative to the business and function of said Court; providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Legislative, Congressional and Judicial Districts.

By Senator Wood:

S. B. No. 371, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4625 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the

State of Texas of 1925 so as to remove the disabilities of minority of underage males, as well as females, who are or have been lawfully married; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Herring:

S. J. R. No. 17, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas, limiting eligibility of the Governor to succeed himself in office.

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Senator Bradshaw:

S. J. R. No. 18, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas, relating to voting rights of electors who have removed from one county to another county in the State or who have removed from the State.

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senate Bill 366 Withdrawn

On motion of Senator Wood and by unanimous consent, S. B. No. 366 was withdrawn.

Senate Resolution 197

Senator Bradshaw offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wagonseller and daughters Reudora and Rebecca from Bowie, Texas; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Bradshaw by unanimous consent presented the guests to the Members of the Senate.

Message From the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
March 7, 1957.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to

inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. B. No. 102, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to residence of persons in military service stationed at military installations in the State of Texas for purpose of filing divorce suits, amending Article 4631 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas."

(With engrossed rider.)

The House has concurred in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 145 by vote of 136 ayes, 2 noes.

H. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an additional District Court in El Paso County, Texas, to be known as the District Court of the 120th Judicial District; providing the terms and jurisdiction for said Court providing for the appointment and election of the District Judge of said Court; prescribing his qualifications, powers, duties, term of office and compensation; providing for the appointment of an official Court Reporter for said Court; prescribing his qualifications, duties and compensation; providing for the appointment, designation and compensation of other officers of the Court; providing all process, writs, recognizances and bonds heretofore issued, made, executed or returnable to existing terms of district courts in El Paso County are valid and returnable to the first term of the District Court for the 120th Judicial District after the effective date of this Act; making other provisions relative to the business and functioning of the district courts of El Paso County; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to licensing of law school graduates upon separation of military service; amending Article 307-A of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; providing that law licenses shall be granted without requirement of passage of the State Bar Examination and setting out the conditions thereon; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing the provisions of House Bill 931, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939, ch. 22, p. 195, relating to the Criminal Jurisdiction of the 76th Judicial District Court in Morris County; re-

storing the Criminal Jurisdiction of the County Court of Morris County; providing that all criminal cases on the docket of the 76th Judicial District Court of Morris County which the 76th Judicial District Court acquired by virtue of the provisions of House Bill 931, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939, ch. 22, p. 195, be transferred to the County Court of Morris County and to conform the jurisdiction of the County Court of Morris County and the 76th Judicial District Court to such change; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Senate Resolution 198

Senator Owen offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Hurst of Houston, Texas; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Owen by unanimous consent presented the guests to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Resolution 199

Senator Smith offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery of the Senate, the Morton High School Treble Choir of Cochran County, Texas, accompanied by their music teacher and sponsors; and

Whereas, These students are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine group of young American citizens is here to observe and to learn at firsthand the workings of their State government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome these guests and

commend them for their interest; and that a copy of this Resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Smith by unanimous consent presented the choir to the Members of the Senate.

Bill Signed

The President signed in the presence of the Senate after the caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

S. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of purchasers and providing for the issuance of a patent to Lot 8, Block 169 of the City of Austin, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Senate Resolution 200

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is believed that premium rates on fiduciary bonds in Texas are excessive; and

Whereas, It is the duty of the Board of Insurance Commissioners to examine into such rates from time to time in order to determine the equity of such rates; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That the Board of Insurance Commissioners be directed to immediately institute action to determine the matter of whether fiduciary bond premium rates are excessive and to make such report available to the Governor and to the Members of the Fifty-sixth Legislature.

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The resolution was read and was adopted.

House Bill 161 on Second Reading

The President laid before the Senate as pending business H. B. No. 161 on its second reading with committee amendment pending (the bill having been read the second time on yesterday). Question—Shall the committee amendment to H. B. No. 161 be adopted?

On motion of Senator Hardeman and by unanimous consent further consideration of H. B. No. 161 was postponed until the next House Bill Day.

Question—Shall the committee amendment to H. B. No. 161 be adopted?

Special Notice

Senator Fly gave notice that he would on Monday, move to suspend necessary rules to consider S. B. No. 222.

House Bills on First Reading

The following bills received from the House were read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

H. B. No. 102, To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 182, To the Committee on Legislative, Congressional and Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 188, To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 189, To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Recess

On motion of Senator Hardeman the Senate at 11:25 o'clock a.m. took recess until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

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(Continued)

(Friday, March 8, 1957)

After Recess

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., and was called to order by the President.

Senate Bills on First Reading

The following bills were introduced, read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

By Senator Martin:

S. B. No. 372, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of Rural Fire Prevention Districts, prescribing the method of their creation including the requiring for a petition, hearing, and election thereon, providing for the governing body of the districts to be created as politi-

cal subdivisions of the State, and setting forth the duties of such body; prescribing the functions of the districts and conferring certain powers; prohibiting the levy of any taxes except with the prior approval of those qualified to vote in such elections; providing for tax rolls and assessor-collector of taxes; validating certain acts and the creation of districts heretofore sought to be organized and validating specific acts done by the Commissioners' Court in certain counties; providing a severance clause and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Fly:

S. B. No. 373, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor to transfer certain funds; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Fly:

S. B. No. 374, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the School Land Board of the State of Texas to charge an appraisal fee; providing that such fee shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office; providing for a refund of unused fees; providing that fees which are not refunded shall be deposited in the State Treasury in a Special Fund heretofore created; making an appropriation out of such fund; making the provisions of this Act cumulative; providing a savings and severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Fly:

S. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to protected assignments of accounts receivable; amending subdivision (1) of Section 1 of Chapter 293, Acts of the 49th Legislature, as amended (Article 260-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), so as to change the definition of 'account' or 'account receivable' by deleting provisions excluding sums accruing to a contractor who has furnished a surety bond."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Fly:

S. B. No. 376, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 8120 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as last amended, to authorize the Commissioners' Courts in certain